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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application number PCT/NO03/000397, filed November 27, 2003, which claims priority to application number 20025737 filed November 29, 2002 and application number 20034384 filed October 1, 2003 in Norway the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.